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1. There are military barracks west of Bruntal on both sides of the Bruntal-Rymarov highway. The barracks start at a point where a smaller road to Vrbno (P51/H81) branches off the highway. On the southern side of the highway are four wooden huts, 70 x 15 m. large. The huts are used as storehouses and the area is used as a parking area for trucks and field guns. On the northern side of the highway is a camp 300 m. long and 200 m. wide. The camp contains three buildings, 60 x 18 m. large, used as billets, and an 80 x 20 m. large garage. About 1,000 to 1,500 infantry and artillery men and 200 air-force mechanic school students are billeted in the camp. The air-force school has another two buildings in the town of Bruntal. 25X1
2. The air-force workshops are located south of Bruntal near the road leading to Mezina (P51/H11). The building is 50 m. long and 25 m. wide and is divided into two halls. It was constructed during the war by the German army. Smaller parts for aircraft and air-force ammunition is being produced here. The production started in 1950. The only employees are 80 members of an auxiliary technical battalion (PTP). Military trucks frequently bring 2 x 2 m. large cases in and out. PTP members are billeted in a camp on the opposite side of the road. The camp consists of five wooden huts, 40 x 15 m. large.
3. The garrison administration offices are located in the former monastery in the northwest part of the Jan Zizka square. Army and Air Force officers work in the offices.
4. A military officers' school¹ is located in the old monastery in the southwestern part of the town. It is a two-story building, 70 x 20 m. large. The garden is used as a training area. The students in this school have one or two yellow stripes or a reversed V on their left sleeves.²
5. A military dump is located at the edge of the wood running north of Bruntal along the road leading to Detrichovice (P51/H90) and Skrbovice (P51/H90). The dump is guarded by 23 men.

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6. A small-arms shooting range is situated northeast of Bruntal near the Spilov quarry. It is directly between the Bruntal-Detrichovice road and the Bruntal-Krnov road. The area is 3 km. long and 2 to 2.5 km. wide.
7. In the autumn of 1951, employees of the Olomouc plant of Moravostav, n.p., Prerov began to lay an underground cable from Bruntal to Praded Mountain. It was a triple lead cable, each lead being 20 mm. in diameter. The work stopped during the winter and as of March 1953 had not been completed. The Air Force has taken over the tourist lodge on the top of Praded Mountain and also the lodge called Vlci Doupe near Ovcirna. (P51/H80). A transmitting station was erected at the top of Praded. It is rumored that there is probably also a radar station there, since movements of tourists in this area are restricted.
8. The SNB unit at Bruntal is in Partyzanska ulice in the southern part of town on the eastern side of the main street leading to the Bruntal-Olomouc highway. It is a two-story building, 50 x 15 m. large. Since January 1953 almost all SNB personnel of the Bruntal district were quartered there; the number of SNB members in villages was reduced from 3 or 4 per village to one member per village.
9. The StB district headquarters at Bruntal is in Zahradnicka ulice next to the District People's Court (Okresni lidovy soud). It is a one-story, L-shaped building, 40 x 20 m. 50 to 60 StB members are constantly on duty.

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1. It is known that the Infantry Officers' School and a Preparatory School for Officer Candidates (SDD-Skola dutojnickeho dorostu) are located at Bruntal. The Infantry Officers' School conducts refresher courses for company-grade and lower field-grade infantry officers. The barracks described in para. 1 probably belong to the Infantry Officers' School. The artillery men and artillery pieces may be part of the school.

2. The school described here is the SDD. A reversed V on the left sleeve denotes an SDD student.

3. The system of SNB stations is as follows: In each district seat is a district SNB command which controls on an average 8 to 10 local SNB stations, established in more populated villages. Local SNB stations, of 4 to 8 men, usually control 2 or 3 villages. Lately there was a tendency to establish a branch of a local SNB station in each locality. These sub-stations would be serviced by a single SNB man. This report contradicts all these well-known facts.

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